

of ground out in lots. During his residence in Benwood he erected two business and seven tenement houses. In company with Peter Teatemple, Mr. Schad bought seven additional acres of land, which adjoined his original purchase. This land was also laid out in lots. The present city building and the German church stand on land formerly owned by Mr. Schad. The lot for the church was virtually donated by him, since he only accepted a nominal price for it. It was largely due to Mr. Schad's self-sacrificing efforts that St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church was established at Benwood. For many years consecutively he has held office in the congregation, at the present acting as its treasurer.

Despite the awful flood disaster of 1884, through which Mr. Schad lost meat-shop, slaughter and smoke-house and a large stock of salted meat and lard, nevertheless he did not lose heart and nothing daunted, rebuilt his place of business and met with flattering success thereafter. Mr. August Schad has always been a public spirited citizen. When the town of Benwood was incorporated, his many friends urged him to become the first mayor. He modestly declined, however, but for two years served his fellow citizens as member of the first City Council. At present he is

a stockholder of the Bank of Benwood and the Benwood Electric Light Company, as well as a member of the Logan Tribe of Red Men.

In 1864 Mr. Schad was married to Magdalen Roth, who was born at Ipo-fen, Bavaria, Germany. Five children sprung from his first marriage, namely: Catherine, now dead; William, Louis, Sophie, now Mrs. F. Gatho, and Charles. His wife died while the children were still young, and Mr. Schad was married a second time, in 1872, to Loretta Schemrich, who, like her husband, had been born in Schwarzau. Seven children were born to them, Susanna, now Mrs. Holdermann, George, Frank, Oscar, Frederick, Aurelia and Bertha. George and Frank have died since. Mr. Schad's parents and brother George arrived in this country in 1863. The father assisted his son in the butcher business and died in 1883, 76 years of age, the mother in 1891, aged 79 years. Another brother, named Ludwig, landed on this continent in 1861, enlisted in the Union Army the next year and was killed in 1863 in the service of the land of his adoption. Mr. Schad's sister, Mrs. Catherine Niebergall, resides at Benwood at the present time.

August Schad is not only very favorably known in Benwood, but in

Wheeling as well. He enjoys the highest esteem and respect of his fellow citizens, because of his undisputed integrity, upright character, splendid charity and lifelong fair dealing with all men. On account of failing health he retired from active business in 1899, his sons, William, Louis, Charles and Frederick, succeeding him.

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W. W. WHYTE.

W. W. WHYTE, ex-sheriff of McDowell County, West Virginia, a prominent citizen of Welch, and a leading politician in the southern portion of the State, was born in

Amelia County, Virginia, in 1860, and came to West Virginia in 1888.

Prior to coming to West Virginia, Mr. Whyte filled a number of clerical positions connected with railroad work and in other lines. He was one of the early coal operators in the Pocahontas Flat-Top field, and was connected with the Houston Coal & Coke Company until 1896, when he was elected sheriff. Since 1892 he has served as chairman of the Republican party organization in the county, and has been a powerful factor in the political situation. His father was an old line Whig and with his earliest breath our subject imbibed Republican doctrines. In 1900 McDowell County gave the late President McKinley a majority of over 2,500 votes out of a total of less than 5,000, a result mainly attributed to the excellent management of Mr. Whyte. Since March, 1900, he has been a member of the board of directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary at Moundsville. Mr. Whyte is very prominent also in fraternal circles and is one of the leading Masons in the county, belonging to the blue lodge at Welch; the chapter at Bramwell; Ivanhoe Commandry, No. 10, K. T., at Bramwell; and Beni-Kedem Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., at Charleston.



WILLIS S. MICHAEL, M. D.

WILLIS S. MICHAEL, M. D., a practicing physician of Hendricks, Tucker County, West Virginia, whose professional skill has gained him the confidence and patronage of the residents of the town, was born in 1868 in Preston County, West Virginia, and is a son of Dr. John F. and Annie (Meyers) Michael, both of whom were also natives of Preston County.

Dr. John F. Michael has been a prominent physician of Preston County for 28 years, and for 20 years has been a member of the pension examining board. He saw service during the Civil War, enlisting in 1863 in the Union Army, in the 3rd Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf., and remain-

ing in the ranks until the cessation of hostilities. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He holds fraternal relations with the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church. They reared a family of nine sons.

Dr. Willis S. Michaels was educated in the common schools and the State Normal School at Huntington. For four years he taught school during the winter months and then began to read medicine, with his father. Two years later he was prepared for college, and in 1890 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, where he was graduated in 1893. He began practice at Hendricks, where he is still located, and where he has become one of the much esteemed citizens. He has been physician and surgeon for the Dry Fork Railroad Company at Hendricks, West Virginia, for the past nine years. He belongs to the West Virginia State Medical Association. In 1891-92 he served on the pension examining board.

In 1894 Dr. Michaels was married to Lena Roy, who was born in 1877 in Randolph County, West Virginia. Two children have been born to this marriage. The Doctor and his wife

belong to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and, politically, a Republican.



ROBERT EMMET HUGHES.

HON. ROBERT EMMET HUGHES, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Ripley, Jackson County, and one of the prominent members of the State bar, was born April 12, 1867, in Summersfield, Noble County, Ohio. He is a son of Rev. Robert Hamilton and Elmira (Grizzle) Hughes, the former of whom was a son of Francis Hughes, who was born May 30, 1812, of Welsh descent and located in Belmont County, Ohio. Grand-

mother Hughes, formerly Nancy Howell, was a niece of Gen. Anthony Wayne. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Thomas Grizzle and his wife, who was a Hamilton.

Rev. Robert Hamilton Hughes was a minister of the Methodist Church.

The education of Robert E. Hughes was secured in the common schools of West Virginia, supplemented with two terms at the Ohio University at Columbus. After a comprehensive study of the law, followed by his admission to the bar, he began practice in Charleston, West Virginia, on January 1, 1897. In August, 1901, he removed to Ripley, Jackson County, where he has continued ever since, and which county since 1902 he has represented in the Legislature. Mr. Hughes had previously been a member of the Legislature, having been elected to the House of Delegates in 1896, from Kanawha County. He has been an active yet conservative member of the House, and is generally conceded to be one of its best speakers. He showed his power as an advocate on the floor of the House, in the speech he made on the reconsideration of the famous "Hinton Charter Bill," which had been decisively defeated, on its second reading. The unanswerable speech he made in behalf of the people

of Hinton secured its reconsideration by a vote of 34 to 29, and it was given its place on the calendar, and later was passed by a vote of 40 to 20.

On November 14, 1889, Mr. Hughes married Mayme Wintz, who is a daughter of James P. Wintz, of Hardin County, Texas. The five children of this union are: Leah Foster, Laura Chilton, Hugh Latimer, Amelia Rives and Emmet Dalzell. Mr. Hughes has been a strong supporter of the Republican party all his life and has been identified with many of its important movements in his part of the country. He is well known in fraternal circles and belongs to Lodge No. 42, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias; Lodge No. 2, Improved Order of Red Men; and Order of United American Mechanics. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

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JOHN T. CARTER, A. M., M. D., has been located in practice at Triadelphia, Ohio County, since 1878. He was born on a farm in Ohio County, Virginia, now West Virginia, which his father also claimed as his birthplace. His grandfather purchased

this farm at an early day, and it has remained in the possession of members of the family for more than one hundred years.

Richard Carter, the Doctor's father, was born in 1813, and died at the age of 74 years. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and his ancestors came to this country long before the Revolutionary period.

Dr. John T. Carter prepared at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1871, from Princeton College at Princeton, New Jersey. He then completed a course in the study of medicine in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. Through a competitive examination, he became resident physician at the Good Samaritan Hospital in that city, and subsequently rose to the position of physician in charge. He then served as assistant superintendent and physician in a hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1878, he located in Triadelphia, and formed a partnership with Dr. J. H. Storer, who had been engaged in practice there for 30 years. This association continued about 10 years, and since then Dr. Carter has practiced alone. He is a man of high character and enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his

patients and of his fellow citizens in general. He has mastered his profession in a manner that has brought him prominence in the community and well deserved success. During his residence in Cincinnati, he gained through a competitive examination the Bartholow prize. He is a member of the West Virginia Medical Society, and an honorary member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. Fraternally, he has been a member of Triadelphia Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., for 19 years, has passed through the different chairs, and upon two occasions was sent as a representative to the Grand Lodge.

Dr. Carter was married, in 1885, to Harriet Webb, a daughter of Dr. J. W. and Mary (Shumate) Webb. Dr. Webb, who was a minister of the Gospel for more than 50 years, and who died at the age of 70 years, was a noted Methodist Episcopal minister of West Virginia, and was presiding elder for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Carter have one child, a daughter Grace, who was born in September, 1888. They are members of the Stone Presbyterian Church. In 1898, the Doctor built a 10-room house, of two and a half stories; it is equipped in modern style, has a private water system, gas heaters in each room, and is the best residence in Triadelphia.



LOUIS E. MCWHORTER.

LOUIS E. MCWHORTER, a leading attorney and a prominent and influential citizen of Charleston, West Virginia, was born November 30, 1856, at Spencer, Roane County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He is a son of Judge J. M. McWhorter, a prominent citizen of Lewisburg, Greenbrier County. His mother bore the maiden name of Julia A. Stalnaker.

Judge J. M. McWhorter was the first Auditor of the new State of West Virginia and filled the office from March 4, 1865, to March 3, 1869. He was a son of Dr. Fields McWhorter, an old resident of Lewis County, Virginia, now West Virginia, where he was born April 30, 1828. While yet a young man, Judge McWhorter removed to Roane County and from

1856 to 1863 he was clerk of both County and Circuit courts. He was the first to represent Roane County in the State Legislature, this being in 1863, and his statesmanlike qualities during this time convinced the people that he was the man for State Auditor and consequently he was elected to that honorable position. After this, he removed to Greenbrier County. In 1870 he was appointed by Governor Stevenson to the judgeship of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the removal of another official. His wise decisions and impartial rulings again gained him the approbation of the public. His term of office, by the ratification of the Constitution of 1872, ended December 31st of that year. He has always been stanch in his adherence to the Republican party. He was elected judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit over Judge Nelson Campbell of Monroe County, in November, 1896, taking the office January 1, 1897. He is a man universally esteemed and beloved by those who are permitted intimate acquaintance. The mother of our subject died August 26, 1869, the mother of 10 children. The second marriage of Judge McWhorter took place October 26, 1870, the bride being Julia Kinsley, who was a daughter of

Rev. Hiram and Elsie S. Kinsley, of Geneva, Ohio. Four children have been born to this marriage. In religious connection Judge McWhorter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Fraternally he is a Mason.

Louis E. McWhorter, of this sketch, acquired an excellent education in the common schools of Greenbrier County and the Lewisburg Academy. For a time he read law under the instruction of his able father and Judge H. C. McWhorter, president of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and then entered the law department of the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville and obtained his license to practice law January 30, 1882. He was admitted to the bar, but did not engage in the active practice of his profession until in 1886, when he entered into partnership with Judge H. C. McWhorter of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the partnership lasting until 1897, when H. C. McWhorter was elected judge of the Supreme Court. Our subject then entered into partnership with Isaac Loewenstein and the firm is recognized as one of the strongest in Southern West Virginia. Both partners are men of rare ability, the younger one being a graduate of the State University at Morgantown. The firm of McWhor-

ter & Loewenstein make a specialty of chancery and commercial law. L. E. McWhorter has resided in Charleston, West Virginia since 1878.

On June 27, 1883, Mr. McWhorter was married to Emma M. Champe, who is a daughter of Sewall and Alameda Champe, honored residents of Kanawa County. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Church in which our subject is a trustee and steward; for seven years he was superintendent of the State street Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is one of the public spirited citizens of Charleston and has served as president of the Board of Education and in other municipal organizations.

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DR. WILLIAM ALLEN CRAFT, SR., a well known physician of Ohio County, residing at Elm Grove, was born in Claysville, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1844. In 1848 his father's family moved to Philadelphia, Ohio County, Virginia, now West Virginia, where he was reared, receiving his academic education at the West Alexander Pennsylvania Academy. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the Confederate Army, though but 17 years of age, as a private in the

"Shriver Grays," Company C, 27th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, "Stone-wall" Jackson's Brigade, and participated in all the engagements with his regiment in 1861 and until the battle of Kernstown, March 23, 1862, when he was taken prisoner and confined in Fort Delaware until August 5, 1862, then being exchanged at Aiken's Landing, Virginia. He at once rejoined his command and, although his year's enlistment had expired the preceding May, took part in all the battles of his regiment until after the battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland, September 19, 1862, when he accepted an honorable discharge, and re-enlisted in the cavalry service as lieutenant of Company I, 20th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, William L. Jackson's Brigade, Lomax's Division, Fitzhugh Lee's Corps. He commanded his company in every battle in which the regiment participated, from the date of its organization to the termination of the war, receiving his parole of honor under the terms of Lee's surrender.

After the close of the war, our subject returned to his home and entered upon the study of medicine. During 1866 and 1867 he attended the University of Virginia, where he received his medical education, and then commenced the practice of his profes-

sion in Triadelphia, Ohio County, West Virginia, in June, 1867, remaining there until April, 1871, when he located at Elm Grove, Ohio County, West Virginia, where he has remained ever since. From 1872 to 1893 he was attending physician to the Ohio County Infirmary, and in 1894 he was appointed visiting physician to "Altenheim;" also visiting physician to the Orphans' Home for Boys and Girls at Elm Grove.

Dr. Cracraft was married, January 28, 1874, to Mary Key, of Elm Grove, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth Key, four children being born to them namely: Georgia Key, deceased; William Allen, Jr., a graduate of medicine from the University of Virginia, June, 1901, and located at Elm Grove; Mary Elizabeth; and Leech Key, at present a student of medicine at the University of Virginia. Abner Key, deceased, was born in Maryland, and Elizabeth Key, deceased, in Lancaster, Ohio.

Dr. George A. Cracraft, father of Dr. William Allen Cracraft, Sr., was a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Medicine and practiced in Triadelphia from 1848 to 1888—the year of his death—with the exception of three years, during which time he held the position of surgeon, with the rank of major, in the 19th Regiment, Vir-

ginia Cavalry, C. S. A. His wife was Jane Knox, of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish descent. Dr. George A. Cracraft, was the son of William Atkinson Cracraft, of Washington County, Pennsylvania, whose father was Maj. Charles Cracraft, a full surgeon in the Revolutionary War, later prominent in Indian warfare as a major, being wounded and captured near Fort Henry (Wheeling), in 1781, by a force of Indians under the renegade Simon Girty. Maj. Charles Cracraft was a son of Joseph Cracraft, who immigrated from Lincolnshire, England, to the vicinity of Frederick, Maryland, in 1720.

ALFRED B. CARTER, who has been identified with the steel and iron interests of Wheeling and its vicinity for many years, was general superintendent of the National Steel Company for the Wheeling district until October 1, 1901, when he resigned, although he is still a director of the company. He is one of the active and enterprising spirits of the city. He was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, January 16, 1854, and is a son of George Hatley and Emma B. (Steenrod) Carter.

John Carter, the first of the Carter family to come to this country, located in Lancaster County, Virginia, in 1649,

as the agent of Lord Fairfax. George Hatley Carter, the father of Alfred B., was born in Virginia, and became a member of the legal profession. He practiced in Wheeling when a young man, and then in Palmyra, Missouri, but, on account of failing health, returned to Fairfax County, Virginia, and died there. He was united in marriage with Emma B. Steenrod, who was born in Ohio County, Virginia, now West Virginia, a daughter of Daniel Steenrod. Her grandfather, Cornelius Steenrod, was a captain in the Colonial Army and served throughout the Revolutionary War, thus making Alfred B. Carter and his children, sons or daughters of the American Revolution. Daniel Steenrod was born in New York State, but was prominently identified with the early development of Wheeling. He engaged in farming on a large scale, was a very extensive land owner, and attained a high degree of success in every way. He died at the age of 80 years. He was prominent in the Baptist Church, and in the old stone Presbyterian Church at Elm Grove. He married Anne Gater, a daughter of one of the earliest settlers in Ohio County, and they became the parents of six children, one of whom, Lewis, was a member of Congress from this district in ante-bellum days.

Mrs. Carter, the mother of Alfred B. Carter, resides in Wheeling at the advanced age of 82 years, and is one of the oldest native inhabitants of Ohio County. The subject of this sketch is one of a family of seven surviving children, the others being as follows: Landon E., who resides in Virginia; Mary I.; Sallie B.; Anne C.; Emma H.; and Edmonia R., wife of James R. Courtney, for many years a resident of Wheeling, but now of Washington City.

Alfred B. Carter was educated in Wheeling at Linsley Institute and St. Vincent's Catholic College. After leaving school his connection with the iron and steel business began and has since continued. He became junior clerk in the office of the Bellaire Nail Works. He subsequently served in various positions until, in 1887, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Bellaire Steel Company. In 1899 he was elected president of the company and still holds that office. This company was sold to the National Steel Company, but the officers of the old concern retained their positions. When the National Steel Company took charge, Mr. Carter was asked to assume the management of the Mingo Junction works of that company also, and was made district manager at that time

—early in 1899. Later his office was changed to that of general superintendent of the National Steel Company in the Wheeling district. He has been a director for many years in the Bellaire Steel Company, and when the National Steel Company was organized was elected a director in that company. He has since been re-elected, and is a member of the board of directors in each company at the present time.

Mr. Carter was united in marriage, November 2, 1887, with Gertrude E. Caldwell, who was born in Philadelphia, and reared and married in Wheeling. She is a daughter of Hon. A. Bolton Caldwell, who was the first Attorney General of West Virginia. The latter was a son of Joseph Caldwell, whose estate and residence were where the lower part of Wheeling is, to a large extent, now built. He was for many years president of the Merchants' & Mechanics' Bank of Wheeling, and was one of the substantial early residents of the city. Joseph Caldwell was a son of James Caldwell, who settled in Wheeling in 1772, and was one of the first judges of Ohio County. The mother of Mrs. Carter is Matilda (Newman) Caldwell, a native of Louisiana, and now a resident of Wheeling.

Alfred B. Carter and his wife have two children,—Gertrude I. and Alfred

B. Religiously, they are attendants of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Carter is one of the most active and enterprising citizens of Wheeling. He has been identified with many enterprises calculated to benefit and improve the city, and his energy and business sagacity are well known in several States. He is a member of the Board of Trade of Wheeling.



ANDREW JACKSON STEPHENSON.

ANDREW JACKSON STEPHENSON.—Probably no citizen of Clay County, West Virginia, stands higher in public estimation than does Andrew Jackson Stephenson, who for 31 years has been the efficient clerk of the Circuit and County courts. Mr.

Stephenson was born April 29, 1829, in Nicholas County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and is a son of David and Nancy (Rader) Stephenson.

The Stephensons are descended from an old and honorable English ancestry. The grandfather of our subject, Alexander Stephenson, married into the Ewing family, one of the most prominent in the State of Virginia. On the maternal side, the family is of Dutch extraction, and Mr. Stephenson's mother and the mother of ex-Governor George W. Atkinson were sisters, both being daughters of George Rader. David Stephenson followed an agricultural life.

Andrew Jackson Stephenson was reared and educated in his native county, where he resided until 1864. In 1863 he was elected sheriff of Nicholas County, being the first official elected during the progress of the Civil War, but he did not serve. His sympathies were with the Union and as he made no secret of his convictions he suffered arrest from the Confederate authorities and at one time was incarcerated in Castle Thunder. Mr. Stephenson displayed his tact and judgment by a conservative course after the war, and much credit was given him for his influence in allaying excitement and bitter feeling incident to ex-

isting conditions. He became a member of a company of Home Guards, under Capt. B. L. Stephenson, a son of Hon. John G. Stephenson, who for 13 years was a prominent statesman in Virginia. Although Mr. Stephenson has been a consistent Democrat all his life, his public career has been so honorable that his influence extends beyond party lines. For a long period he served his party as delegate to the various conventions and as chairman of the county committees and was so prominently identified with his party's success that he was its candidate, in 1900, for the State Senate, and was elected to take the place of Senator Pierson of Fayette County, who had been commissioned an officer in the Spanish War. The Legislature, however, was overwhelmingly Republican, and he was not permitted to take his seat, his case being treated much in the same manner as was that of Senator Campbell, of Jefferson County in the same session. In 1865 Mr. Stephenson was first elected clerk of the Circuit Court and recorder of Clay County, and through subsequent re-elections he filled those positions until January 1, 1897, except one term as clerk of the Circuit Court. His popularity was demonstrated very forcibly at the last election that he was a candidate when

he was running against two candidates, one for the position of clerk of the County Court and one for clerk of the Circuit Court, and was elected to both offices by large majorities.

On July 24, 1854, Mr. Stephenson was united in marriage with Mary Jane Forsythe, who was born March 10, 1832, and is a daughter of Abraham and Jane Forsythe, whose ancestors, of English extraction, came from Augusta County, Virginia, the maternal grandfather bearing the name of Wright. Mrs. Stephenson was one of a family of eight children born to her parents. Her eldest brother was killed in the Mexican War. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson have had a family of nine children, one of whom, Benjamin L., who was born February 21, 1871, died at the age of nine months. The survivors are: Glendora, who was born April 18, 1855, married T. B. Stephenson and has three children; Forsythe, who was born January 3, 1857, is unmarried; Samuel, who was born March 10, 1859, resides in Charleston and has two children; Elijah Loring, who was born May 25, 1861; Albert, who was born October 6, 1863, resides one mile from Clay Court House; Elizabeth F., who was born March 25, 1866, married John D. Carden and has five children; David

H., who was born May 22, 1868, is a farmer and stockraiser some 12 miles from Clay Court House, and has a family of six children; and Dr. Estin B., who was born May 13, 1873, and is not only a prominent physician of Clay Court House, but is also the mayor of the town and one of its leading men.

Mr. Stephenson has retired from active politics but is still regarded as one of the most influential men of his county. He enjoys the confidence and high esteem of the public and is an honored resident of his own community. When he first located in Clay Court House, the present prosperous town consisted of one dwelling and a small fort which was used to shelter the Home Guards. With interest he has watched the growth and development of that section and has been no small factor in the same. His investments have been made there and his interests have centered there, and, now, surrounded with an honorable and prosperous family, he is enjoying a vigorous old age. Mr. Stephenson is interested in a number of enterprises and is one of the directors of the Clay County Bank. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 180, I. O. O. F., in Clay Court House. In religious belief he is a Methodist.



HON. JOHN W. BLIZZARD.

HON. JOHN W. BLIZZARD, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Fayette County, West Virginia, and one of the intelligent and broad-minded citizens of Nuttallburg, was born in 1841 in Nicholas County, Virginia, now West Virginia, being of Scotch-Irish and English descent. He is a son of James and Nancy C. Blizzard, and grandson of Frederick and Mary (Campbell) Blizzard. The great-grandfather of Mr. Blizzard was born in Scotland, and immigrated to Virginia prior to the Revolutionary War in which he took an active part.

Frederick Blizzard, who was a native of Pendleton, Virginia, now West Virginia, took part in the War of 1812. Although the family has never been noted for worldly wealth, its

members have all been most highly respected people and worthy members of society.

James Blizzard, the father of John W. Blizzard was born in what is now West Virginia. Our subject's mother, who was a native of Greenbrier County, Virginia, now West Virginia, died June 9, 1858, seven children surviving her decease. James Blizzard married a second time, and was the father of a large family of children. His death occurred in 1888, and his widow resides in Calhoun County, with three of her children.

John W. Blizzard was the fourth member of a family of 12 children born to his parents and one of the seven survivors at the death of his mother. He received his education in the common schools at Preston and the Olin Institute at Blacksburg. Since 16 years of age, he has practically made his own way in the world, being engaged for a considerable period on construction work for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, and then farming for three years. For 21 years Mr. Blizzard engaged in mining, but later purchased a small farm upon which he has made many improvements and where he has a very pleasant, attractive home.

Mr. Blizzard was married March 4, 1875, and has a family of three sons

and three daughters, two of the daughters and one son being married. He has always been more or less active in politics, but only in late years has consented to accept office. In 1902 he was elected a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates and has performed the duties incident to the office with an eye single to the welfare of his section. He has always taken a deep interest in the laboring classes and belongs to the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Blizzard and family belong to the Methodist Church.



COL. CHARLES CAMERON LEWIS, JR.

COL. CHARLES CAMERON LEWIS, JR., of the firm of Lewis, Hubbard & Company, one of the largest wholesale houses in the grocery line in West Virginia, and a leading concern of Charleston, was born August

28, 1865, in Kanawha County, West Virginia, and is a son of Charles Cameron and Elizabeth (Wilson) Lewis.

The Lewis family has long been one of prominence, and of both social and commercial integrity in this section of the country for many years. The founder of the family in Virginia was John Lewis, a son of Andrew and Mary (Calhoun) Lewis, who was born in 1678, in County Donegal, province of Ulster, Ireland, and died in Virginia in 1762. Previous to settling in Augusta County, Virginia, he lived in Pennsylvania where he awaited the coming of his family. It is said that the family was of French Huguenot stock, driven from France to Ireland by religious persecutions. Other authorities, with probably more reason, assign it Welsh derivation. Although born in Ireland John Lewis was educated in Scotland and was a man of influence. He possessed by inheritance a handsome estate in Ireland and also leased valuable property contiguous to his own. In 1732, with others he came to America and settled upon a grant of 40,000 acres of land which had been obtained by Isaac Van Meter and his brother by warrant from the Governor of Virginia. John Lewis was the first white settler in Augusta County, and founded the town of

Staunton. He married Margaret Lynn, a native of Ireland, whose father was the Laird of Loch Lynn, and a descendant of the chieftains of the once powerful clan of Lynns in the Scottish highlands. Four sons were born to them in Ireland,—Samuel, Thomas, Andrew and William,—and one in America—Charles—besides two daughters, Margaret and Anne. In 1732 he settled near what is now Staunton, Virginia. There despite the wild conditions and the depredations of Indians, he amassed a large fortune. In 1745 Augusta County was organized and John Lewis was appointed a magistrate. The first court house was erected at Staunton on the site of the present county clerk's office and the first court was held December 9, 1745. The descendants of John Lewis figured conspicuously during the Revolution and became important factors in county and State affairs. Col. William Lewis, a son of John Lewis, established a home at Sweet Springs, Monroe County, Virginia, now West Virginia; this ancestral home was recently purchased by the subject of this sketch. It was one of the original land grants, and now includes 2,000 acres. It is a valuable property for either agricultural purposes or as a summer resort.

Charles Cameron Lewis was educated in the public and high schools of Charleston and Hampden-Sidney College at Hampton Springs, Virginia, and later graduated from the Kanawha Military Institute. He became a civil engineer but before he had made much headway in his profession he accepted a position as treasurer of the Kanawha & Michigan Railway Company, and continued with this company until the wholesale business of Lewis, Hubbard & Company was organized in 1880. He is also interested in the Payne Shoe Company, with headquarters at Charleston. He is a man of great executive ability and is largely interested in coal lands and companies of West Virginia. He is president of the Greenbrier Grocery Company at Ronceverte; president of the Charleton Electrical Supply Company and in every way is a representative business citizen.

On September 9, 1898, Colonel Lewis was made inspector general of the West Virginia National Guards under Governor George W. Atkinson and he was very active in recruiting the ranks after the Spanish-American War had withdrawn so many members. Later he was promoted to the rank of brigade adjutant general with the rank of colonel. Colonel Lewis

is a Republican in politics, but is no politician. He is a progressive and honorable business man and enjoys a large measure of the public esteem.



HON. W. R. BENNETT.

HON. W. R. BENNETT, judge of the Criminal Court of Fayette County, West Virginia, and one of the most prominent citizens of Montgomery, was born in Fayette County, August 7, 1864. He is a son of Thomas and Mary D. (Ryan) Bennett, the former of whom resides in Nisholas County and the latter of whom died in 1899.

The Bennett family is an old established one of Virginia, and there the grandfather, Elijah Bennett, was born.

He was one of the very early settlers in the western part of Old Dominion, now included in West Virginia, and died in Greenbrier County when his son Thomas was a boy.

Thomas Bennett was born in Greenbrier County and removed to Fayette County when about 30 years old. There he married Mary D. Ryan, who was a daughter of Col. William W. and Sally (Hundley) Ryan, both of whom were natives of Albermarle County, Virginia. Early in the "thirties," Colonel Ryan and his family started to move to Ohio, but after crossing the mountains they found such pleasant locations in Fayette County, that they decided to remain there. Consequently Colonel Ryan bought a farm of 100 acres in the woods, near the Gauley River. There he built his house, worked in the summers on his land and taught the country school in the winters and became a successful and well known man. He was a great student and very familiar with the Bible. Both he and his wife were very consistant members of the Methodist Church, people admirable in life and character. Colonel Ryan died at the age of 85 and his wife a short time before, aged 84 years, both in Clay County. Only one of their family of 10 children still

survives, Rev. E. W. Ryan, who is a presiding elder in the church at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Prior to removing thither, Rev. Mr. Ryan was very prominent both in church and public life, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention that adopted the State Constitution, before he was 21 years of age. The family has long been prominent and has always been opposed to slavery.

Judge Bennett is the fourth member of a family of 13 children born to his parents, six surviving. His father moved to Laurel Creek, Nicholas County, in 1868 when our subject was six years of age. Judge Bennett was reared on the farm and attended the common and high schools until the age of 18, when he was qualified to teach and as a teacher in Nicholas and Fayette counties he spent several years. At the age of 22 he married Anna Drennen, of Nicholas County, who died four years later, leaving two sons,—Romeo and Edward,—now aged respectively, 15 and 14 years. On May 4, 1897, Judge Bennett married Anna Kuhn, of Kanawha County, and they have children as follows: W. R., Jr., Mary Thelma, and Elijah Jacob.

Judge Bennett was 26 years of age when he turned his attention to the study of the law, and his reading was

done while occupied with farm duties. Steady application combined with natural ability and understanding enabled him to prepare himself for examination and this he successfully passed at Huntington, May 16, 1893, and on the same date he was admitted to the West Virginia bar. He then spent four months teaching, at Montgomery, suspending at the time of the Eagle riot, being then employed as counsel for the United Mine Workers of America and was their counsel until he went on the bench. Then he commenced his practice and soon came prominently into notice. On June 7, 1902 the United Mine Workers of America declared a strike. He had been their fair and impartial counselor for some time and when he became a candidate for judge they cast their votes in favor of one they believed their friend and knew to be an honest man, and he not only was nominated for the judgeship but was elected by a large majority, although bitterly opposed by the mountain corporations. His sympathies have always been with the laboring classes and he has many warm friends all through the Kanawha and New River mining regions, and in the vicinity of his home.

Judge Bennett may be said to be a self-made man. When he removed

to Montgomery 10 years ago, he was called upon to pit his legal ability against old and tried jurists,—graduates of law universities. It has yet to be discovered when he was ever found lacking either in knowledge or judgment. When he gave up his private practice for the bench, it was bringing him an income of \$3,000 per year. His course has met with general approval and it is safe to predict that higher honors await Judge Bennett. Fraternally he belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. Religiously he is a Methodist.



C. H. TURNER, JR.

C. H. TURNER, JR., the junior member of the plumbing and steam-fitting business firm of C. H. Turner

& Company, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, was born in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia, December 10, 1874. He is a son of C. H. and Margaret (Williams) Turner.

C. H. Turner, Sr., is of English descent and was born in Albany, New York. His wife was born at Defiance, Ohio. The family comprises five children, viz.: George, of Clarksburg; Bertha, of Parkersburg; C. H., of this sketch; Coraline (Mrs. Charles Morgan,) of Parkersburg; and Cora, also of Parkersburg.

C. H. Turner, Jr., was reared in Parkersburg, where his father has conducted a plumbing and steam-fitting business for the past 30 years, and was educated in the public schools until the age of 16, when he entered Notre Dame University, Indiana, where he remained two years. In order to perfect himself in mechanical engineering, he then entered the University of West Virginia, at Morgantown, and upon completing the course went back to Parkersburg in 1897. In 1900 he removed to Clarksburg and from that point manages the business of the firm of C. H. Turner & Company, his father being the senior partner, and George Turner being bookkeeper. The business includes general contracting and plumbing and gas and steam-

fitting and is located at 221 South Third street. This firm does the largest amount of business in their line, both in Clarksburg and the surrounding towns, being the best equipped in every way. The excellent work done for Broaddus College, and in the Goff building, the James flats, and the majority of the fine modern city residences testify to the excellence of their service, while other good examples are some of the best residences of Lumberport, and the summer cottages at Mountain Lake Park. Mr. Turner has made many firm friends by his carefulness and promptness in filling contracts and is one of the most enterprising young business men of the locality. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks.

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C. M. BOGER, M. D., who since the fall of 1888 has been established in the practice of medicine at Parkersburg, was born in 1861, at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Prof. Cyrus Boger, who was then principal of the Lebanon High School.

Prof. Cyrus Boger was also born in Lebanon 69 years ago and has always been associated with the educational interests of Lebanon County, having been for 20 years superintendent of the

city schools and later county superintendent. With his wife he resides, retired from activity, in a pleasant home near the city of Lebanon. The mother of Dr. Boger was a daughter of Hugh Maxwell, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who was a prominent newspaper man, and the founder of the *Maxwell Intelligencer*, a journal which was a powerful supporter of James Buchanan, doing much to secure the latter's selection as minister to the Court of St. James, and substantially aiding him in his presidential campaign. Mr. Maxwell had great influence in his State although he did not seek preferment for himself. Professor Boger was an active anti-slavery man and served as a soldier during the Civil War. Until recently he has been an active supporter of the Republican party. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Dr. Boger is one of a family of five children born to his parents, the other four being: William, who is superintendent of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's plant at Lebanon; Charles, who conducts a drug store at Lebanon; Henry, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Steel Company; and Alice, who resides at home.

Dr. Boger's interest in medicine was first aroused in boyhood, when he became a clerk and student with the now

retired drug firm of Bullock & Crenshaw, of Philadelphia. In 1882 he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and followed the drug business until he took up the study of medicine. In the spring of 1888 he graduated from Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, settling in Parkersburg in the succeeding fall. There he has met with eminent success. He is a member of the International Hahnemann Association of which he was elected vice-president at Niagara Falls and served in 1898 at the meeting at Atlantic City, where he was elected for the next meeting, which will take place at Boston, Massachusetts, in June, 1903. He was urged for the presidency, but declined the honor. Dr. Boger is most highly regarded in the profession, and is a valued member of the West Virginia Homeopathic Society and has served as its president; and of the Ohio Valley Homeopathic Society.

Mrs. Dr. Boger was formerly a Miss Forrester, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and five children have been added to the family, three of whom attend school. The family residence is near Dudleyville, while the Doctor is professionally located at No. 225 7th street, Parkersburg.



HON. C. W. MAY.

HON. C. W. MAY, President of the State Senate, and a prominent member of the bar of Hamlin, Lincoln County, West Virginia, was born in Lincoln County, July 14, 1869. He is a son of Jacob and Annie (Huff) May, both of whom are natives of Virginia.

The education of our subject was begun in the common schools of Lincoln County. After completing the course, he taught school for seven years, and then entered the University of West Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1894. In 1895 he began the practice of law and in the following year was elected prosecuting attorney of Lincoln County, a position which he most efficiently filled for a period of four years.

Mr. May has always been an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and in 1900 that party elected him State Senator and returned him to the Senate in 1902. His executive ability, good judgment and impartial methods made him the successful candidate for President of the Senate in the session of 1903, a position he has filled with the dignity becoming to it.

Mr. May is a member of Hamlin Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; Hamlin Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and Hamlin Lodge, No. 161, A. O. U. W.

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HON. JOHN Y. YORK.

HON. JOHN Y. YORK, a member of the State Senate of West Virginia, from Wayne County, is a promi-

nent citizen of Yorkville, where he has extensive business interests. He was born in Wayne County, Virginia, now West Virginia, September 24, 1846, and is a son of Joseph D. and Elizabeth (Ratcliffe) York, the former a native of Brown County, Ohio, and the latter of Wayne County, Virginia, now West Virginia.

John Y. York received his education in the common and subscription schools of this locality, and early in life engaged in the lumber business, which he has since followed with an abundance of success. He is also interested in various other enterprises, among them a mercantile business at Yorkville. He owns and operates a farm of 300 acres and in all owns about 1,500 acres of land. During President Harrison's administration, a post office was established at Yorkville and for some time our subject served as postmaster. They have two mails a day and the Norfolk & Western Railway Company contemplates the construction of an extension to the town, which will make Yorkville one of the best little towns of West Virginia. Mr. York is a stanch Republican in politics, and has served as County Commissioner and in the State Senate, where he has most ably represented his constituents.

John Y. York was married in 1866 to Fanny Keyser, by whom he had 11 children. He formed a second matrimonial alliance, with Celeste Parsley, by whom he has three children. Fraternally, he is a member of Fort Gay Lodge, No. 58, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 38, R. A. M.; and is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



HON. T. C. DAVIS.

HON. T. C. DAVIS, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Pleasants County, and postmaster at Wasp, was born December 25, 1843, in Noble County, Ohio, and is a son of Isaac and Eliza (Williamson) Davis, and a grandson of Jesse Davis, a Revolutionary soldier. Both grandfather and father were born in

Virginia, and the latter died in March, 1875, aged 98 years. The mother of our subject was born in 1830, in Washington County, Ohio, and died in 1852, when her son, our subject, was nine years old. The Davis family is of German extraction.

Mr. Davis is known as one of the leading farmers of Pleasants County. There he owns a fine stock and grain producing farm of 200 acres, which ranks with the best estates in the county. He has taken an active part in politics for a number of years and has held many responsible positions prior to his election to the House, in 1902. He has been secretary of the Board of Education, township clerk, school trustee and justice of the peace. For four years he was a member of the County Court, making levies and trying nearly all the cases which now go to the Circuit Court. He is an ardent Republican and in 1898 was appointed postmaster at Wasp, by the late President McKinley.

In 1869 Mr. Davis married Jennie Gorrell, who, at death left two children. In 1880 Mr. Davies married again; the three children of the second union died in infancy. He is a man of quiet manner and has not made himself conspicuous in the proceedings of the House, but has kept in close

touch with all legislation and has been a faithful and consistent advocate of all the interests of his constituents and a careful and conservative adviser on party measures.



HON. RAY V. CHIDESTER.

HON. RAY V. CHIDESTER, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Lewis County, was born in Weston, Lewis County, December 4, 1875, and is a son of Wellington V. and Mary (Linger) Chidester, both natives of that part of West Virginia.

Phineas W. Chidester, a Scotchman by birth, the grandfather of our subject, came to America about 1814,

settled in Upshur County, Virginia, and there became a prominent agriculturist. To him and his estimable wife were born six children. They were Seceders in religious faith.

Wellington V. Chidester was a farmer in early life, but later became a merchant and conducted a prosperous business for a number of years, but is now living a retired life. The six surviving children of the family of 12 born to Wellington V. Chidester and his wife, Mary Linger, are: Mrs. Sarah J. Rittenhouse; Layne B.; Mrs. Fannie F. McCray; John C.; and Frank P.

Ray V. Chidester, the subject of this sketch, was primarily educated in the common schools of Lewis County and later attended the West Virginia Conference Seminary at Buckhannon, three years later leaving that institution to enter the Fairmont State Normal School, where he was graduated in the class of 1894. Later he attended the Mountain State Business College at Parkersburg, taking a full business course, and then began his reading of the law under Hon. Andrew Edmiston, of Weston. He was admitted to the bar of Lewis County in 1900, located at Weston and has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession ever since, mak-

ing a specialty of criminal law. He is a popular young attorney and it is the opinion of his friends that his future has abundant promise of the fullest success. In politics he is a Democrat, and adheres strictly to the tenets of his party. In 1902 Mr. Chidester was honored by being the choice of his party to the House of Delegates from Lewis County, and upon a number of occasions he has demonstrated to that honorable body, in a lucid and convincing manner, his ability and fidelity to the best interests of his State, as his party sees it. He is unmarried and is associated with no fraternal societies.

CAPT. THOMAS WEST PEYTON, a prominent citizen of Huntington, West Virginia, senior member of the law firm of Peyton & Perkinson and member of the insurance firm of Gordon, Peyton & Perkinson, was born in 1860 in Cabell County, West Virginia, his family being one of the early ones of the State. He is the only son of Capt. Thomas West.

The Peytons are of English descent and the name is a very prominent one all through Virginia.

The grandfather of Captain Peyton, also named Capt. Thomas West Peyton, was born in Virginia and

served as captain in the Revolutionary Army, and also as consul at Matanzas, Cuba, dying on the way home from that country, and being buried at sea.

Our subject's grandmother was a Miss Dundas, of an equally prominent family of Pennsylvania, coming originally from Scotland. Members of this family were distinguished in their own country, one of them being Lord Chancellor of Scotland. James Dundas died at Philadelphia, a millionaire, and one of the grandmother's brothers was Assistant Postmaster General for some years prior to the Civil War.

Capt. Thomas West Peyton (2) was born at Mantanzas, Cuba, in 1820, and served in many public positions, at the outbreak of the Civil War being a customs official at New Orleans, Louisiana. He entered the Confederate Army, from Louisiana, gained his title there and was killed in 1863 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In New Orleans he married a Miss O'Dowd, who was born in Ireland and came to this country in childhood. She died in 1893, leaving one son,—the subject of this sketch,—and four daughters, the latter being: Ann Virginia (Mrs. Charles Ricketts,) of Huntington; Mrs. Lizzie Ora Benhring, of Fayette County, West Virginia; Alice who is married and lives in Fayette County;

and Sally, who is principal of the Buffington school at Huntington.

Capt. Thomas West Peyton, the third of the name in succession, graduated at Marshall College, Huntington, in 1877, prior to completing his 17th year. He then entered the law office of Gibson & Lane, where he studied until he reached his majority and successfully passed the examination of the judges and was admitted to the bar in 1881. Captain Peyton commenced practice at once, and during his first partnership with Captain Gibson in 1884 was elected by the Democrats to a six-years term as Circuit clerk of Cabell County. In 1891, he formed a partnership with James Marcum, which continued until 1894 and in 1899 he entered into his present partnership with A. V. Perkinson. The insurance partnership, which includes Mayor H. C. Gordon, was formed later and is one of the leading business enterprises in that line in the city. In 1889 Captain Peyton entered the West Virginia National Guards, was captain of Company I, 2nd Regiment, West Virginia National Guards, but resigned in 1894.

Captain Peyton married a daughter of M. Hovey and a granddaughter of Thomas Thornburg, the latter of whom was a pioneer and prominent resident of Cabell County, served in the Vir-

ginia Legislature and was a member of the Secession Convention of 1861. Mrs. Peyton died in 1902, and the four children of this union, three sons and one daughter, reside with their grandparents at Barboursville, the eldest son bearing the name of Thomas West. Captain Peyton is a Mason of high degree and is past master, past high priest, and past eminent commander in the order.



JOHN MASON PRICE.

JOHN MASON PRICE, ex-deputy sheriff of Greenbrier County, ex-mayor and a prominent citizen of Ronceverte, West Virginia, was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, now West Virginia, October 7, 1834. His parents were Jacob and Mary Brown

(Cox) Price, both of whom were Virginians by birth.

Jacob Price, his grandfather, served through the Revolutionary War with distinction and drew a pension for his services to the close of his life at an advanced age. He settled in Greenbrier County, Virginia, now West Virginia, at the end of the war and founded a family which has flourished in the locality to the present day. The grandmother of our subject was Winnifred Tillery, who was born in Virginia of Welsh ancestry, her family having established in that State prior to the Revolution.

Jacob Price (2,) son of Jacob and Winnifred (Tillery) Price, and father of our subject, was born in Greenbrier County in 1790, and died in his native place in 1887. He was prominent in military life, was a captain of militia and served under General Harrison in the early wars, and during the War of 1812 he commanded a company in so valorous a manner as to receive a large grant of Virginia land and a pension through life. The mother of our subject was born in Bath County, Virginia, her family being an old and honored one of that section. She died in 1862, aged 72 years. Eight children were born to the parents of our subject, as

follows: Charles, Abraham, Addison H., Sarah J., Margaret Elizabeth, Mary Susan, all of these deceased; Rebecca, who is Mrs. B. F. Haggett, of Monroe County; and John Mason, of this sketch.

John Mason Price was reared in Greenbrier County and obtained his education in the common schools of Greenbrier and Monroe counties and at Second Creek Academy. At the age of 21 he went to Missouri and during his residence there engaged in teaching school, returning home just prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. Soon after his return he entered the army, leaving a wife behind, having married in 1858, and during a long service participated in many serious battles and endured a long period of captivity as a prisoner of war. He enlisted as sergeant in Company B, 26th Virginia Battalion, C. S. A., but was later placed on the staff of Colonel Adger, where he continued until his capture, at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864. Mr. Price was first under fire at Fayetteville and later at Charleston, White Sulphur Springs, New Market, North Anna River, all through the Wilderness campaign and until his capture as above mentioned, when he was suffering from a bayonet wound. At Fayetteville he was struck and injured by

a piece of spent shell, and suffered for six months with typhoid fever. After his capture, he was taken to Point Lookout prison and kept there until July, and was then transferred to Elmira, New York, where he was one of the sergeants in charge of the mess room in the prison for some 6,000 prisoners. He was exchanged in March, 1865, and reached home just before the surrender of General Lee.

After recuperation, Mr. Price engaged in a mercantile business at Organ Cave, Greenbrier County, and in 1880 was elected deputy sheriff, and acceptably filled the office for four years, at the close of his term removing to Ronceverte. There he associated himself with A. E. White, in an agricultural implement and fertilizer business, which he sold in 1886, and engaged for two years until a fire destroyed his plant in a foundry business. In 1888 he was again elected deputy sheriff and remained in office until 1892, when he embarked in a furniture business in Ronceverte, West Virginia, and later at Covington, Virginia, which he continued until 1901, when he disposed of it and has been actively interested in real estate and collections since that time.

Mr. Price has been twice married. On December 1, 1859, he was married

to Elizabeth Mary Erwin, who was born in Greenbrier County and was a daughter of Col. John Erwin, of a family of importance in the county, that came from Irish stock. Mrs. Price died in 1881. The names of the children of this marriage are as follows: Adger, deceased; Mary Bell, who married R. S. Loveless, present postmaster of Ronceverte; Henrietta, who married Kirby McVey of McDonald, Fayette County, West Virginia, is salesman in the wholesale house of the Carleton Dry Goods Company, of St. Louis, Missouri; Jane E. and John E., twins, the latter deceased, the former a teacher of music in Powhatan College, Charleston, Jefferson County, West Virginia; Matthew N., a resident of New Cumberland, West Virginia; Oscar A., engaged in a milling business in Virginia; and Charles A., of East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. Price was married in 1882 to Isabel Williams, *nee* Campbell, a daughter of R. Campbell. She was born in Monroe County, West Virginia. The one daughter of this marriage is named Vera Lee, is now in her 19th year and is a graduate of Powhatan College.

Formerly Mr. Price was active in the Democratic party and served as chairman of the local Democratic committee. At present he is neutral in

politics. He has been one of Ronceverte's prominent and popular citizens and served the city for nine years as mayor. For 42 years he has been a Mason, entering the order in Greenbrier Lodge at Lewisburg, in 1862, and is a charter member of both the blue lodge and Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., at Ronceverte. He was one of the promoters of the Ronceverte National Bank, and has been one of the directors ever since its organization. In religious belief Mr. Price is a Presbyterian.



HON. WILLIAM GUY BROWN.

HON. WILLIAM GUY BROWN.—The branch of the Brown family from which descended the late William Guy Brown, lawyer

and legislator, and a most venerated resident of Kingswood, Preston County, West Virginia, originated in the vicinity of Edinburg, Scotland, and was founded in northwestern Virginia by James Brown, in 1790.

William Guy Brown, the fourth son of James Brown, and subject of this narrative, was born September 25, 1800. At the age of 22 years he began the study of law, with Oliver Phelps and Joseph H. Samuels, of Parkersburg, and was admitted to the bar of Preston County, in 1823. Mr. Brown almost immediately entered politics, finding in public life a congenial field. He was elected prosecuting attorney of the county and served a number of years as such, until 1832. He was a stanch adherent of Andrew Jackson and ardently supported him three times for the Presidency. Mr. Brown became the candidate of his party and was elected to the General Assembly of Virginia, and served with distinction in 1832 and in 1840-41-42-43; and in 1845 was elected to Congress. He was one of the first to raise his voice in favor of the war with Mexico and contributed time and means to assist in its successful and honorable consummation. In 1847 he was re-elected to Congress and in 1850 was a delegate to the Virginia Constitutional

Convention. In 1861 he was a delegate to the convention at Richmond and was fearless in his opposition to secession. Upon the organization of the Restored Government of Virginia, Mr. Brown was chosen a representative in the 37th Congress, and was the first member of Congress from the Second Congressional District of West Virginia, in 1863. After a long, active and useful life, he passed away at his home in Kingwood. His last public services were during 1872-73, when he served in the State Legislature and was a member of the convention to revise the Constitution, in 1872.

Mr. Brown is survived by one son, William Guy, and his widow. The former is one of the well known attorneys of Kingwood and has efficiently held important public trusts.

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HON. JAMES PAULL is remembered by the older residents of Wheeling and of the State of West Virginia as a prominent attorney, a member of the Legislature, and at the time of his death, May 11, 1875, in his 57th year, as a judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. In this last capacity he had served since 1872. At his death, about six years remained to complete his term of office.

Judge Paull was born in Belmont County, Ohio, and was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Paull. During the Judge's boyhood his father moved to Wheeling with his family. His three sons, John, Alfred and James, spent the greater part of their lives in that city. John studied medicine, but died in young manhood. Alfred studied theology and was for many years pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Wheeling. About 1863 he removed to Philadelphia, where he died in 1873. James, the subject of this sketch, chose the legal profession. His academical education was obtained at an institution located at Crosscreek Village, Pennsylvania. In 1835 he graduated from Washington College in Pennsylvania and subsequently studied law in the office of Zachariah Jacob, of Wheeling. He completed his professional studies by attending the law department of the West Virginia University. During the remainder of his life, with the exception of a short time during which he had charge of Linsly Institute, he devoted himself to his profession. He represented Ohio County in the Legislature with signal ability, and in every relation, whether in public or in private life, he bore himself with honor. Upon the adoption of the new Constitution of West Virginia, in August,

1872, he was elected one of the four judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, and was serving the third year of his eight-year term at the time of his death. His nomination was entirely unsolicited by him, and he was elected by a great majority. At his death resolutions of respect were framed and adopted by the members of the Ohio County bar, who attended his funeral in a body.

Judge Paull first married Jane A. Fry, a daughter of Judge Fry, formerly of Wheeling. She died, leaving three sons. In March, 1861, he married Eliza J. Ott, a daughter of Samuel Ott, of Wheeling. Three sons and two daughters blessed this union. Judge Paull was extremely opposed to ostentation in anything, and his life was characteristic of his nature,—one of simplicity and kindness. He was a devoted father and husband. As a young man, he united with the First Presbyterian Church, to the support of which he was ever a liberal contributor. He was a ruling elder in this church for 18 years.

Alfred Paull, a son of Judge Paull, was born October 15, 1854, in Wheeling, and was educated mainly at Washington and Jefferson College, of Pennsylvania. At the close of his sophomore year, in 1873, he entered the man-

ufacturing business in Wheeling. In this and in other kinds of business he continued until he engaged in his present line, that of general insurance. Mr. Paull is manager for a number of companies for the State of West Virginia, and has from 75 to 100 agents who report to him. All adjustments are made and all losses are paid from his office. Mr. Paull devotes his entire time to this business. His office has been, for the past five years, at No. 1120 Market street, where a force of clerks is kept busy.

Alfred Paull married Lee Singleton, of Wheeling, a daughter of Capt. Thomas Singleton. Her mother was a descendant of Samuel Irwin, the Irwins being an early family of Ohio County. Mr. and Mrs. Paull have two sons and two daughters, as follows: Mary Irwin, who married Arthur Greer Hubbard, secretary of the Wheeling Mold & Foundry Company; Lyde; Alfred Singleton, who is attending Princeton College; and Lee, who is 13 years old. Mr. Paull owns a beautiful home at No. 729 Main street. He served for four years in the first branch of the City Council, and was a member of the Board of Education. He is past grand commander of the Knights Templar of West Virginia. On July 20, 1901 he

received the commission of aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel, on the staff of Governor A. B. White.

Mr. Paull is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. He has been one of the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association since its organization. He is director and chairman of the executive committee of the City Hospital, with which he has been associated since its organization. He is also a member of the Board of Trade.



FRANCIS B. BURK.

FRANCIS B. BURK, city attorney of Parkersburg, West Virginia, was born February 11, 1862, in Wood County, West Virginia, and

he is a son of R. H. and Eliza J. (Davis) Burk. His grandfather, David B. Burke, was born July 10, 1786, and died April 13, 1883; he was a stanch Whig.

R. H. Burk was born near Steubenville, Ohio, December 16, 1828. In October, 1839, he accompanied his uncle, William Hunter, to Wood County, and the latter located near Waverly, living there many years, but dying in Parkersburg. At the age of 23, R. H. Burk married Eliza J. Davis, who was also reared near Steubenville, Ohio. She died in 1862, leaving four children, namely: William N., a general merchant at Ravenswood, West Virginia, who died at the age of 40 years; James H., a jeweler by trade, who is now filling the office of assistant to the chief deputy collector of internal revenue, at Parkersburg; Mary J., who is the wife of J. D. McKibben, a farmer of Wood County; and Francis B., who was an infant at the time of his mother's death. The second marriage of R. H. Burk was to Anna B. Epplein, who was born in this State. Mr. Burk is engaged in farming and stock raising near Parkersburg. He was very actively interested in politics, about the time of the proposed statehood of West Virginia and attended several conventions at Wheel-

ing. Like his father, he endorsed the Whig party, and later affiliated with the Republicans. He has served many years as a member or president of the Board of Education. For more than 40 years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

After completing the public school course, Francis B. Burk attended the Fairmont Normal School, and taught his first term during the winter of his 21st year. After several years of winter teaching, he returned to the Normal School and was graduated in the class of 1887. During the following three years he taught school, and read law during the vacations under the tutelage of the late John A. Hutchinson, and was admitted to the bar in 1891. His time has been mainly devoted to his profession ever since. During a period spent in the county assessor's office, he became thoroughly acquainted with a large percentage of the citizens of Wood County, gaining their confidence to such an extent that he was elected county superintendent of free schools, and capably served in this position for four years, his term ending in July, 1899. In 1896 he was made chairman of the Republican County Committee. In 1902 he was chosen as city attorney of Parkersburg, a just recognition of his

ability. His first office in the State Journal building has long since given way to handsome apartments at No. 311 Juliana street.

The marriage of Francis B. Burk was to Julia M. Haislep, who was born near Wellston, Ohio, but has been a resident of Parkersburg ever since one year of age. She is a daughter of the late W. A. Haislep and his wife, Rachel C. Romine, who survives her husband and resides on a farm in Wood County. The Romine family came from Holland in the first part of the 17th century and were prominent on Manhattan Island. Mrs. Burk is a member of the Baptist Church, while Mr. Burk favors the Presbyterian. He is a member of Phoenix Camp, No. 6961, Modern Woodmen of America, and Parkersburg Court, No. 1, Tribe of Ben Hur, and has served through all the chairs.

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G. W. ADAMS, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Barboursville, Cabell County, West Virginia, was born August 20, 1852, in Cabell County, and is a son of Charles and Nancy (Buxton) Adams, both of whom were natives of Virginia. Charles Adams was a prominent agriculturist and a highly respected citizen

The parents are survived by five of their seven children.

Dr. G. W. Adams received his education in the common and select schools of Cabell County and was also given private instruction. He read medicine with Dr. E. F. Buffington, of Huntington, West Virginia, for about two years and then entered Louisville Medical College and later the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Cincinnati, graduating there in 1889, with the degree of M. D. He practiced for two years in Wayne County, West Virginia, and then went to Kentucky for a year, returning then to Cabell County, West Virginia, and locating in Barboursville. Dr. Adams has become prominent in his profession, his superior skill and careful treatment having been shown on many occasions.

In 1878 Dr. Adams married Ada Huff, who was born in the Valley of Virginia, and a family of six children has been born to this union, viz: Frank, Fred, Harry, Blandon, Florence, deceased, and Dewey. Politically, Dr. Adams is affiliated with the Republican party. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Tri-State Medical Society of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, and of the American Medical Association.



GEN. N. S. BURLEW.

GEN. N. S. BURLEW, one of the substantial and representative citizens of Charleston, West Virginia, a leading hardware merchant and part owner of the Burlew Opera House, was born August 20, 1846, in Seneca County, New York, and is a son of James and Sophia (Wood) Burlew, both of whom are natives of New Jersey.

General Burlew was educated in the common schools of New York and New Jersey, and in young manhood learned dentistry, which profession he practiced about seven years, at Union Springs, New York. In 1873 he located in Charleston, Kanawha County, and engaged in the lumber business, conducting the same in that locality

for three years. He was then appointed assistant United States marshal, under Marshal De Vall, and remained in office two years, resigning the position then in order to embark in the hardware business in Charleston, a good opening presenting itself at that time. General Burlew has given Charleston a first-class store, carrying every line of hardware goods and specialties, and has made that city a center for that line of trade in the central section of the State. In addition, he is part owner and the manager of the Burlew Opera House, is president of the Daily Mail Publishing Company, and vice-president of the South Side Improvement Company.

In 1863 General Burlew enlisted for service in the War of the Rebellion in Company C, 126th Reg., New York Vol. Inf., in which he served two years. At Harper's Ferry he was made a prisoner although he was soon paroled. During George W. Atkinson's administration, he served as colonel on his staff and later as general on the staff of Governor A. B. White.

In 1887 General Burlew was married to Elizabeth Rand, who is a daughter of William Rand and a descendant of an old Virginia family. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In political

conviction, our subject is a stanch Republican. Fraternally he is prominent in the different branches of Masonry, belonging to blue lodge, chapter, commandery, and Beni-Kedem Temple, of the Mystic Shrine.



GARVEY LEONARD COPELAND, M. D.

GARVEY LEONARD COPELAND, M. D., a successful medical practitioner at Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, was born in 1874, in Forrest County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Daniel F. and Rachel (Connely) Copeland, both of whom were also born in Forrest County.

Daniel F. Copeland, the father of our subject, was born in 1845, and follows the trade of millwright. In

politics he is a Republican. Our subject's mother was born in 1847. In the parental family are five children,—three sons and two daughters.

Dr. Copeland was given an excellent common school education and completed his medical course at the University College of Medicine, at Richmond, Virginia, in 1901, after a stay of three years. He located at Parsons and his medical and surgical ability have brought him into prominence not only with the public, but also with the profession.

On January 1, 1903, Dr. Copeland was united in marriage with Cora Graham, who was born in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Copeland is a member of the Methodist Church.

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GEORGE SILAS WEST, M. D., a practicing physician at Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, was born in Turkey, in 1867, and is a son of Dr. Henry S. and Lottie (Tontz) West.

Dr. Henry S. West, who was born in New York, near Binghamton, was an eminent physician of that city, and was selected by the American Board of Foreign Missions, connected with the Presbyterian Church, as one of its representative physicians in the Turkish field. In 1859 he assumed the duties

of that position and faithfully performed them until his death, in 1876, at the age of 49 years. During his residence in the United States, he was politically identified with the Republican party. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. The mother of our subject was born in 1838 near Binghamton, New York, and still survives, making her home with her son George S. She is a consistent and active member of the Presbyterian Church at Parsons.

Dr. George Silas West was one of a family of seven children, consisting of five sons and two daughters. He came to the United States at the age of nine years, after his father's death in 1876. His higher education was secured at Princeton College, where he was graduated in 1890, and his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, which institution he entered in 1893 and was graduated in 1897. From the latter date to 1899 he was assistant to Dr. O. H. Huffman. In 1899 he began individual practice at Springfield, West Virginia, where he remained until 1903, when he opened an office at Parsons, where he is building up a large and lucrative practice. Dr. West keeps in touch with medical movements and discoveries all over the world, and belongs to the Tri-State Medical Society of West

Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, and is also a member of the Tucker County Medical Society. He is the examiner for a number of life insurance companies.

Although Dr. West was nine years of age before he ever saw the American home of his parents, he is a good American in every fiber, and, like his father, is identified with the Republican party. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.



HENRY DRURY HATFIELD, M. D.

HENRY DRURY HATFIELD, M. D. Eckman, McDowell County, has in Dr. Hatfield a physician and surgeon of marked ability and thorough professional education. He has

been a resident of that place since 1900. Dr. Hatfield was born in 1872 at Logan Court House, Logan County, West Virginia, and is a son of Elias and Elizabeth (Chaffins) Hatfield, both natives of Logan County.

Elias Hatfield was born in 1841 at Logan Court House and still resides there. He served through the Civil War under Col. A. G. Greenway, and had an excellent record. In politics he is a Democrat and fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. The mother of Dr. Hatfield was born in 1845. Four sons and one daughter were born to our subject's parents, namely: Greenway W., sheriff of Mingo County, West Virginia; Wayne W., a prominent physician at Chicago, Illinois; an infant deceased; Edna, and Henry Drury, our subject.

Dr. Hatfield obtained his education in the common schools at Logan Court House and at Franklin College; the latter institution he entered at the age of 16 years and graduated from it four years later, having completed the scientific course. In 1890 he entered the University of Kentucky at Louisville, and in 1893 graduated in medicine and surgery. He located for practice at Matewan, Mingo County, West Virginia, and remained there

four years, as division surgeon for the Norfolk & Western Railway. He then located at Eckman, McDowell County, where he has become interested in various business enterprises and has become well known and appreciated as an able practitioner. He has taken four post-graduate courses at the New York Polyclinic; one at the New York Post-Graduate; one at the Philadelphia Polyclinic and belongs to the various medical associations of the State of West Virginia. He occupies many very responsible positions; is president of the West Virginia Miner's Hospital, No. 1, at Welch, being at present surgeon in chief; a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons; local surgeon for the Norfolk & Western Railway; physician and surgeon for the Pulaski Iron Company; physician and surgeon for the Empire Coal & Coke Company; physician and surgeon for the Bottom Creek Coal & Coke Company; and occupies a similar relation to the Tide Water and the Big Four Coal & Coke companies.

On March 27, 1895, Dr. Hatfield was united in marriage to South Carolina Bronson, who was born in Kentucky. They have a little daughter, Hazel. Mrs. Hatfield is a member of the Methodist Church. Fraternally

the Doctor is connected with the advanced Masonic bodies, the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

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CHARLES A. SMITH.

CHARLES A. SMITH, an attorney-at-law of Parkersburg, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has been a member of the Wood County bar since 1895. His untiring efforts have built up a large and lucrative practice which has every promise of future permanency. He was born February 14, 1869, St. Valentine's Day, in Wood County, West Virginia, and is a son of Benjamin Smith and grandson of Hilander Smith.

Hilander Smith removed with a

brother from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to the Augusta district early in the 19th century, and together they secured large tracts of land.

Benjamin Smith was born in Wood County when it was known as a part of the West Augusta district, and died in November, 1889, at the age of 57 years. The mother of Charles A. Smith, whose name before marriage was Rebecca Watkins, was born in the Susquehanna Valley, Pennsylvania; her parents, with two children, removed to Wood County, Virginia, now West Virginia, about 1850. She died in 1899, at the age of 61 years. Her brother Francis resides in Jackson County, West Virginia.

Charles A. Smith who is one of several children born to his parents, remained at home until the age of 19 years when he began teaching school. During the six terms in this profession, he utilized all his spare moments in the study of the law, deciding to make that his life work. About 1890 he acquired proficiency as a telegraph operator and for some months was in the employ of the Ohio River Railroad Company. In 1893 he devoted his attention entirely to his legal studies, in the office of Daniel E. Johnson, and on December 30, 1895, he was admitted to the bar and practiced with

Mr. Johnson until April 28, 1897, when he opened an office for himself. Mr. Smith has abstained from politics, even refusing a proffered nomination as a member of the House of Delegates which would have been equivalent to his election in 1902. In his profession he turns his attention entirely to civil business, making something of a specialty of chancery work. His first speech before a jury occupied two hours and he won his case, his success bringing him many hearty congratulations from older members of the bar. He is most comfortably and conveniently located in commodious quarters on Court Square, Parkersburg. Religiously Mr. Smith belongs to the First Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

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ROBERT W. HAZLETT, M. D., deceased, was a distinguished physician and surgeon of Wheeling, West Virginia, for more than 45 years. He was one of the most prominent residents of the city, and at different times held many offices of public trust. He was born at Washington, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1828, and was a son of Samuel and Sarah Hazlett. His father moved from Connecticut to Washing-

ton, Pennsylvania, early in the 19th century, and there conducted a banking business.

Dr. Hazlett attended Washington College during his youth but because of illness did not graduate with his class. He was a cotemporary student with the illustrious James G. Blaine. Subsequently he was given the degree of A. M. by the trustees of the college. In early life he was quite an artist, and prepared many illustrations and specimens for the medical lectures of Dr. King. He determined upon medicine as his profession, and in the early "forties" went to Wheeling and read medicine under Drs. Clemens and Cummins. He then attended Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in the spring of 1851, returning to that institution the following winter for a post-graduate course. He later located in Wheeling and practiced until the winter of 1857-58, when his health required the relinquishment of his practice. He wandered over the hills of West Virginia, at the same time making a rough geological examination of the coal fields of counties east of the Appalachian Range. During this time he located, and had the supervision of drilling, the first oil well in what is now West Virginia, the oil strike causing much ex-

citement throughout the United States. He also found a peculiar and apparently inexhaustible stratum of coal at Ritchie. His health having improved greatly, he returned to Wheeling and practiced his profession for a short time. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the service as surgeon of the 2nd Reg., Virginia Vol. Inf., being commissioned in June, 1861. In the fall of 1862 he was appointed surgeon of Latham's independent brigade, and in 1863 he resigned and was appointed one of the surgeons of the United States general hospital at Grafton, West Virginia. He was later commissioned by the Secretary of War as surgeon of the board of enrollment of the first district of West Virginia. He saw much fighting during the war, and participated in many engagements, among them being the battles of Monterey, McDowell, Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Waterloo, White Sulphur Springs, Warrenton, Freeman's Ford, Second Bull Run, Centerville, and Chantilly.

At the close of the war, Dr. Hazlett resumed practice at Wheeling and was most successful. He served as president of the city and county medical societies, and twice declined the nomination for the presidency of the State Medical Society. In 1893, however,

he was unanimously elected to that office, and presided that year at the meeting at Berkeley Springs. He served in the City Council and as member of the Board of Education, and for more than 20 years was examining surgeon for pensions for the United States government. At the time of his death he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and was largely interested in many manufacturing and business enterprises. He was a director of the National Bank of West Virginia at Wheeling, and also of the Wheeling & Belmont Bridge Company. He retired from active practice about 1880, and died in 1899. Many fitting tributes were paid and resolutions passed by the various medical societies and other organizations of Wheeling, and a fine biographical sketch of his life was prepared by Dr. Jepson of Wheeling. His family residence was at No. 921 Main street, where his widow and children now reside. He and his wife had four sons and one daughter, namely: Howard, president of the Mutual Savings Bank, and a stock broker, with his office on 12th street; Samuel, assistant cashier of the People's Bank, Wheeling; Edward, a member of the firm of Lewis & Hazlett, iron brokers, with offices in the City Bank Building;

Robert, a record of whose life follows this sketch; and Catherine, who is living at home.

Robert Hazlett, who is now serving his third term in the capacity of county engineer of Ohio County, has attained high rank in civil engineering. He was born in Wheeling in 1863, was graduated from the public schools of this city in 1880, and then prepared for college at Linsly Institute. In 1883 he entered the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1887, with the degree of C. E. He returned to Wheeling, where his first work was as assistant engineer on the Southern Pennsylvania & Ohio Railway, from Wheeling to Bowerston, Ohio. He was thus employed for one year, after which he was draughtsman, and later first assistant engineer, for the Wheeling Bridge & Terminal Railway Company. He had charge of the construction of the steel viaduct of the north terminal at Martin's Ferry, and also of the Chapline Hill Tunnel. After their completion he went to Washington, D. C., and assumed charge of the construction of the bridge across the Potomac River, and the building of the electric railway to Arlington Cemetery. He then went to New York City and was associated with Job Abbott, a

prominent civil engineer, who had previously been consulting engineer at Wheeling. While with him, Mr. Hazlett made plans for the construction of 200 miles of railroad, and also of station buildings for the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, in Maine. He returned to Wheeling in 1895, and entered a copartnership with Gilhner Brown, C. E., which continued until 1899, when Mr. Brown returned to Boston. During the existence of this firm they built the water works system, including the plant and mains, and the masonry reservoir for the Suburban Light & Water Company. They then built the Wheeling & Suburban Railway from Elm Grove to Triadelphia, and later, the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railroad, with double tracks. They built the Parkersburg Electric Railway at Parkersburg, West Virginia (including the erection of the power-house), one of the finest lines in the State. Since the dissolution of the partnership, Mr. Hazlett has been chief engineer of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Electric Railway, which has 30 miles of track, and built a part of the track in Fairmont and Clarksburg. He resigned this position January 1, 1901, and since then has been chief engineer of the Wheeling & Wellsburg electric line, which

has 16 miles of track. He succeeded A. S. Bell as county engineer of Ohio County, and is now serving his third term in that capacity. He has had charge of 200 miles of road in the county, and also of the construction of 38 steel bridges, which are rapidly replacing the old wooden ones. Three years ago, at the suggestion of Mr. Hazlett, the Board of County Commissioners began grading and paving the National Pike. His duties as county engineer require a considerable portion of his time, but he occupies himself mostly with designing and construction work. In 1896 he became a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the City Council from the Second Ward, and a member of the committee on ordinances. He is an officer of the West Virginia Humane Society, an organization which exerts a great power for good, the originator and president being Mrs. John K. List. His father, Dr. Robert W. Hazlett, in his will left a goodly sum of money to different charities, including the Wheeling and City hospitals and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hazlett resides at the old home at No. 921 Main street, with his mother and sister.



D. LAYDEN.

D. LAYDEN, one of the oldest residents and a prominent and substantial citizen of Marmet, Kanawha County, West Virginia, largely interested in coal developing and other enterprises, was born in 1844 in Ireland. He is a son of Dominic Lyme and Bridget (Hagerty) Layden, both of whom spent their lives in Ireland.

In his own home our subject was thoroughly educated by his mother, who was a woman of superior qualifications, and by her was taught the languages, which for some years brought him large means and ample chance to visit almost all parts of the world. Through her instruction he was able to fill the position of inter-

preter for a firm that dealt in cattle and in his line of work he visited 17 different countries, including Australia, the West Indies, America, South Africa and Asia. Mr. Layden speaks seven different languages.

On April 13, 1863, Mr. Layden landed in the city of New York and for some time was located at Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1865 he settled at Malden, on the Kanawha River, in West Virginia, and in 1870 he moved to Brownstown, a town that is now known as Marmet. In 1867 he moved to Charleston where he engaged in merchandising. Later when he located at Marmet there were but nine houses in the village and the one store was kept by Henry P. Clele. In 1870 he embarked there in a general mercantile business and has been interested in almost all of the leading business enterprises of the place. He is a very large land owner and has dealt largely in the same and for the past 20 years has operated his own coal mines. Mr. Layden is the largest tax payer in the town which he has so materially helped to develop. When he went there, almost as a pioneer, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway had not been commenced.

In 1870 Mr. Layden was united in marriage with Mary Higgins, who was

born in Alleghany County, Virginia, and 10 children have been born to them, nine of whom still survive. Mr. Layden is widely known and most highly esteemed. In politics he has always been a Democrat.



IRA CLAY HICKS, M. D.

IRA CLAY HICKS, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia, was born in that county in June, 1868, and is a son of B. D. and Selina (Hanshaw) Hicks.

B. D. Hicks is a substantial farmer now residing near Winfield, in Putnam County. In political belief he is a Republican. He has been a member from early youth of the Methodist

Church, of which his wife was also a member. Mrs. Hicks passed away January 9, 1895, aged 46 years. There were 10 children born to the parents of our subject, the nine survivors being: Dr. I. Clay; W. K.; Dr. W. D.; Irene; Dr. Charles F.; James O., a medical student; Oliver E.; Marietta; and I. R. L.

Dr. Ira Clay Hicks was educated in the common and select schools of Putnam County and in Marshall College, and then was engaged in teaching school for about six years. The last teacher's certificate that he secured was the best given in the county, being based on the general average of 100 per cent. that he secured in the teachers' examinations. He also acted for a short time as bookkeeper and postmaster at Lorraine, West Virginia. He had, however, decided upon a medical career and had prepared for medical college by a year's reading under the able instruction of Dr. A. M. Spangler, of Winifrede, West Virginia. In 1893 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, and after taking two courses of lectures, passed the examination of the State Board in 1895, and located at Hurricane, Putnam County, which has been his field of practice ever since. After practicing